THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) President Bush condemned the October 1st terrorist attack in Kashmir and added that terrorism must end everywhere, and that includes in Kashmir.

(b) Government has adopted a well coordinated and multi-pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management to check illegal cross-border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of the Centre and the various State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. As a result of coordinated action, several terrorist modules have been neutralized.

Funds are also reimbursed as per norms to the States under the Scheme of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure, for expenditure incurred by the States for combating terrorist/ militant extremist activities.

Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001, has been promulgated under which 23 organizations have been listed as Terrorist Organizations.

In the wake of 11 September attacks in USA, the State Governments/Union territories have been advised to strengthen security around the vital installations. Review of VVIP security has been undertaken. Security of airports, aircrafts etc. has been strengthened. The State Governments have been requested to gear up collection in intelligence with regard to sabotage, subversive activities attempts to disturb communal harmony. The State Government/UTs have also been requested to keep contingency plans in readiness to deal with any eventuality.

India has also apprised the international community of Pakistan's sponsorship of and support to terrorism directed against India. There is now widespread international recognition of the need to eradicate terrorism wherever it exists and that there can be no justification for terrorism.

Creation of Indian Reserve Force

1731. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create a new Indian Reserve Force;

(b) if so, details thereof alongwith its objectives; and

(c) by when the recruitment exercise for the new force is likely to begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Institutions receiving aid from foreign countries

†1732. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the institutions that receive financial aid from foreign countries;

(b) if so, the number of such institutions working in the country at present;

(c) the details of foreign financial aid given to them during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(d) whether source to these institutions are reported to have used this foreign aid against the interest of the country; and

(e) if so, the names of such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) At present, 24,204 associations are registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

(c) The details as per returns submitted to the Central Government are as follows:

1998-1999 Rs. 3402.90 Crores

1999-2000 Rs. 3924.63 Crores

The data for the year 2000-2001 is under compilation.

(d) No such complaint has been received against any of the association which reported receipt of foreign contribution during years 1998-99 to 2000-2001.

(e) Does not arise.

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